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SUBJECT: NEW CANADIAN EMBASSY IN KUWAIT

REF: KUWAIT 1009

1. FRASER, DIRECTOR MIDDLE EAST DIVISION MIN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (EXTAFF), CONFIRMED ESSENCE OF REFTEL TO EMBOFF. NEW EMBASSY, HE SAID, WOULD BE "VERY SMALL" AND ITS RAISON D'ETRE WOULD BE "ESSENTIALLY COMMERCIAL." IN FORMER REGARD, STAFF OF 17 NOTED IN REFTEL WILL INCLUDE AMBASSADOR, ONE OFFICER, AND 15 MEMBERS OF SUPPORT STAFF INCLUDING LOCAL EMPLOYEES. AMBASSADOR HAS NOT YET BEEN CHOSEN, FRASER NOTED, AND WOULD MOST LIKELY COME FROM RANKS OF MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, TRADE, AND COMMERCE.

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2. NEW EMBASSY HAS PRESENTED CANADIANS WITH A SMALL, DIPLOMATIC HASSLE, ACCORDING TO FRASER. SULTAN OF OMAN HAS LET IT BE KNOWN THAT HE WILL NOT ACCEPT AN AMBASSADOR WITH RESIDENT ACCREDITATION IN A COUNTRY HEADED BY LESS THAN A KING OR EMPEROR. THIS IMPEDIMENT TO GULF-WIDE COVERAGE, FRASER INDICATED, IS MERELY A BOTHER WHICH GOC IS CONFIDENT IT CAN WORK OUT.

3. COMMENT: WE WERE SURPRISED TO LEARN OF ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW EMBASSY IN VIEW OF GOC AUSTERITY PROGRAM PROHIBITING OPENING OF NEW POSTS WITHOUT CLOSING OTHERS. FRASER REMINDED EMBOFF, HOWEVER, THAT GOC HAD CLOSED CONSULATE IN JOHANNESBURG IN CONNECTION WITH RECENT CANADIAN COOLING OF RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. THIS PROVIDED SOME OF NECESSARY FUNDS, HE NOTED, AND REST WILL COME FROM MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES IN EXTAFF. THIS REPRESENTS FIRST NEW EMBASSY SINCE START OF AUSTERITY PROGRAM AND INDICATES STRENGTH OF GOC DESIRE TO ESTABLISH COMMERCIAL PRESENCE IN THE GULF.
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